



ABC

*Advocates for Babies in
Crisis Society*

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Newsletter

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When it rains...it pours

After a slow few months due to Covid-19 and various restrictions on our work, we are back with a bang! It was one of our busiest quarters in a while. We had a couple big projects the past few months. Please read on for details.

They say it takes a village to raise a child, so imagine trying to raise over 200 of them! The orphanages do their best given the resources they have. We were recently approached to help furnish a preschool space at one of the orphanages. Thanks to the support of our volunteers and donors, we were able to get the space set up in a very short period of time. The funds received were used for the purchase of furniture, learning tools, art/craft supplies, books, etc.

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Help Save Lives!

Pre-School Project



From start to end, our work progress and the final product.



Special thanks to the following donors/volunteers for donating financially: Anjaneya and Neeraja Reddy, Ashima Virmani, Avika Projects Pvt. Ltd., Capture Life Dental, Geetanjali Shenoy & friends Divesh Kumar and Komal Agarwal, Jyotsna V, Inner-Connect Psychological Counselling Pvt. Ltd., Reeza and Kuryan Stephanos, Lorraine Sequeira and Mala Goveas, Natasha Duggal, Prabha Bajpai (via Ritu Shukla), Ratnakar Kona, Sireesha Yadlapalli, Sunanda Reddy, Suneel Yeluru, Swetha Reddy, T.S. Chitra Nithya, T.S. Syamala Subashini, Vasundhara Sampath, Vikram and Jyothsna Govind, Vrish Consulting.

Special mention for the children of our board members who raised funds for the project: Trishika Gupta conducted dance classes in her community and donated all the funds (around 80 k) raised to this project. Nine-year-old Canishka Reddy raised over 2 lakhs from family and friends.

For donating in kind (via our Amazon wish list): Anjna Kapoor, Jaya Mehta, Priya Madhok Varma, Spandana Reddy. **Other donations:** Betina Ellerbak (play kitchen), Deepti Koppineedi (furniture), Sudha Raju (furniture), and Ritu Shukla (piano).

It's Christmas Cookie Time!

Since we haven't been able to visit the children and the orphanages, we decided to do a cookie drive to donate cookies for the festive season. Many of our wonderful volunteers baked lovely cookies for one of the orphanages.



Big thanks to Karen van Helsdingen, Lorraine Sequiera, Luchelle, Micaela, Pratibha Somu, Priya and Tarun Varma, Suparna, Syamala. And special thanks to Amaira (all of 9 years old) d/o Sandhya Madan who baked cookies for the children.

Clothes distribution

We did our yearly distribution of new saris and pant sets to all the staff at both the orphanages we support. We do this every year as a thank you to them for the wonderful work they do caring for the children.



More thanks

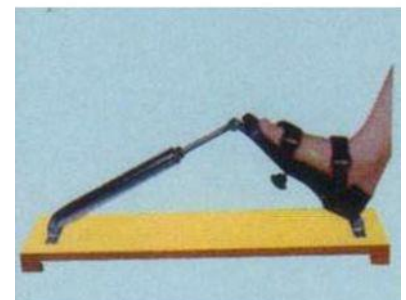
Hyderabad Ladies Circle 43 is a part of **Ladies Circle India**, a national organisation committed to service to the society. HLC43's focus is on improving health and supporting education of underprivileged children. Some of their award-winning projects for charity include building toilet blocks, additional class rooms in government school, paediatric ward in cancer hospital, construction of play zone at Special Education Centre, etc. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic HLC43 donated ration such as rice, pulses, condiments etc. to various orphanages in Hyderabad.

We thank **Hyderabad Ladies Circle 43** for donating groceries to one of the orphanages. They also very kindly bought some medical equipment needed by the orphanage, to care for the children in-house.



In addition, **Cotiviti India Private Limited** sponsored medical equipment and physiotherapy equipment to both orphanages. This included oxygen cylinders and masks, non-contact thermometers, pulse oximeters, BP machines nebulizers, stethoscopes, glucometers, suction tubes etc.

For physiotherapy, we provided CP walkers, splints, heel exercisers, braces, exercise balls, wedges, bolsters, bands, etc. in various sizes as needed by the orphanages.



Runner Updates

The big event this quarter was the **medical camp** conducted by Little Star Children's hospital at both orphanages. The camp was focused on all the special needs children. Around 130 children were a part of this camp.

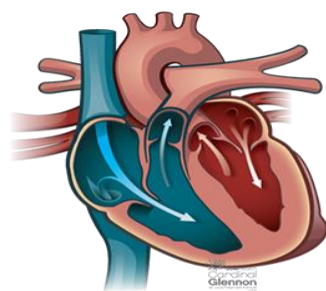
Phase I of the camp was done on site at both orphanages to check the children. Specialists in neurology, pediatrics, psychology, physio and occupational therapy, orthotics, ophthalmology, hearing, and dentistry all did a detailed screening of the children.

Phase II of the camp consisted of diagnostics. From basic blood tests to detailed genetic testing and MRI/CT scans as recommended after the screening.

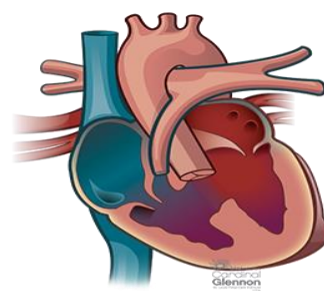
Phase III involves the doctors providing treatment plans based on all the reports and observations. We expect these to be given by early February 2021, once all the reports have been received.

Over time, we will try and work through helping the children based on these recommendations.

In hospitalizations, we had a severely underweight 3-month-old child come in with a heart disorder. The child had a condition called Tetralogy of Fallot. This caused the child to have repeated cyanotic spells (decreased oxygen in the blood stream making the child turn blue). The child was admitted with respiratory distress and needed HFNC (High-flow nasal cannula) support. Once the child was stable, the heart surgery was performed. We kept the child in the hospital for a few more weeks' post-surgery, and we are happy to report the baby is doing great and is back at the orphanage.



Healthy Heart



Tetralogy of Fallot

<https://www.ssmhealth.com/cardinal-glennon/fetal-care-institute/heart/tetralogy-fallot>

Meanwhile, we continue to administer Pneumococcal vaccines, and our nutrition project.

Income

Donors who gave over Rs. 5000: (October to December 2020)

Those not mentioned in the preschool project:

- Atul Shinghal
- Shikha Parag
- Vinni Parekh

Donors who gave in kind:

- Aarti Gupta, Kailash Charan, Neha Gupta and Nidhi Agarwal for donating the staff clothes, and generator for the medical camp.
- 160 sets of clothes donated by Yana Agarwal.
- 100 baby sheets from Smita Rane.
- Clothes/toys from Anusha, Harichandana, Komal Agarwal and Shilpa Reddy.

Our Corporate partners:

- Alphageo (India) Limited
- United Way of Hyderabad
- Cotiviti India Private Limited

Special Thanks to the continued support of our **Monthly Donors:**

- Shriram Life Insurance Company Limited

ABC Board via Monthly Pledges

- Amita Lulla
- Gita Dasika
- Latika Krepanand
- Madhulika Patibandla Gupta
- Nidhi Agarwal
- Prarthana Reddy
- Radhika Reddy
- T. S. Syamala Subashini

Expenditure

We spent close to **9.87 lakhs** from October to December 2020 on:

- Hospitalizations
- Medicines
- Vaccinations

Additionally, ABC spent around **11 lakhs** on diagnostics as part of the special screening camp for special needs children.

We spent around **3.4 lakhs** so far on the preschool project.

We spent close to **2.7 lakhs** for the salaries of the Nurse and Ayahs we have hired at one of the orphanages.

We spent around **3.7 lakhs** on miscellaneous expenses like anti-bacterial soap, masks, gloves, sanitizer, supplements, transport etc.

Join our Cause!

You can be a volunteer or help us...

- Cuddle babies
- Raise funds
- Coordinate hospitalizations
- Pledge a fixed monthly amount
- Donate towards special projects
- Donate diapers and baby toiletries
- Donate money for the medical needs of the babies we support
- Corporate partnerships (CSR)



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ABC is an entirely volunteer based organization, with all proceeds going directly to support the orphans we work with.

We are always in need of Volunteers to help with the various requirements. You can make a difference too!



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